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SUBJ: INTERNAL SECURITY LEGISLATION TO BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED

1. CAPE TIMES MAY 4 PUBLISHED FOLLOWING REPORT OF DRAFT
LEGISLATIONS BEING CONSIDERED TO AMEND AND STRENGTHEN
SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT, RIOTOUS ASSEMBLY ACT,
TERRORISM ACT AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT TO GIVE GOVERNMENT
WIDER POWERS IN SECURITY FIELD.

2." THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE GIVEN WIDER POWERS TO PROHIBIT
ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS CONSIDERED TO ENDANGER STATE
SECURITY IN TERMS OF LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED SOON BY
THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, MR JIMMY KRUGER.

"THE BILL, WHICH WILL AMEND THE SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM
ACT AND FOUR OTHER ACTS, WILL ALSO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO
APPLY SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM RESTRICTIONS TO PERSONS
ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES CONSIDERED TO ENDANGER STATE SECURITY
OR PUBLIC ORDER.

"ORGANIZATIONS CONSIDERED TO PROMOTE ACTIVITIES
ENDANGERING THE SECURITY OF THE STATE OR THE MAINTENANCE
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OF PUBLIC ORDER MAY BE DECLARED ILLEGAL IN TERMS OF THE

LEGISLATION.

"SIGNIFICANTLY, THE BILL WILL ALSO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE RIOTOUS ASSEMBLIES ACT TO INCLUDE SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

"FURTHERMORE, IT WILL AMEND THE TERRORISM ACT TO DELETE THE PROVISION ALLOWING RELEASE ON BAIL OF ANYBODY DETAINED UNDER THE ACT.

"IT WILL REGULATE THE RELEASE ON BAIL OF PERSONS ARRESTED FOR CERTAIN OFFENCES AND PROVIDE FOR THE DETENTION OF CERTAIN WITNESSES.

"AMENDMENTS ARE ALSO TO BE MADE TO THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT IN REGARD TO THE RELEASE OF ARRESTED PEOPLE, ON BAIL AND THE DETENTION OF WITNESSES.

"THOUGH DETAILS OF THE BILL HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED IT IS CLEARLY AIMED AT A FURTHER TIGHTENING OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ALREADY CONSIDERABLE SECURITY LEGISLATION."

3. TEXT OF DRAFT LEGISLATION WILL BE POUCHED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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